



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Grubbs et al.
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RESPONSE

To the Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendment and comments are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated December 4, 2002. It is noted that Applicant is simultaneously filing a Request for Continued Examination along with the appropriate fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 17 and amend claim 16 as follows:

16. A paper handler, comprising:

an acceleration conveyor for feeding paper at a predetermined speed;

a sensor located directly above the acceleration conveyor to sense a parameter of the paper located upon the acceleration conveyor;